

Post Card
Holliston May 17, 1945

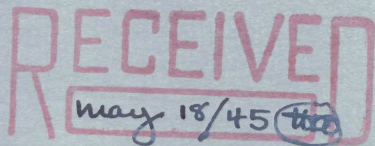
Mr. Hamilton Armstrong

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Received your letter regarding Post card and looked it up and found it among some other things which I have which belonged to my brother. it was all wrapped up and I really did not know what the package contained. I have no car at present so that I could not bring it to you. If you could call at 99 Exchange St Holliston, I will gladly give you the card.

Yours Resp.

S. W. Gleason



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BOSTON, MASS. (6)

May 11, 1945

Mr. Hamilton Armstrong, Clerk
Board of Selectmen
Southborough, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 2 we wish to advise that in August of 1909 the Boston Post forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in various towns in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that they present these canes to the oldest male citizen in their respective towns with the compliments of the Boston Post.

The idea was that these canes should be held by the oldest male citizen. In case of the decease of the first holder of the cane it was to be transmitted to the then oldest citizen, and so on.

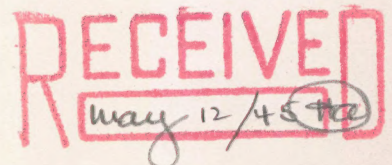
When the canes were awarded to the various towns in 1909, no provision was made for replacing any that might have become lost after the original presentation. We are sorry that we do not have another to give you but if for some reason or other one should be returned to us, we will be pleased to forward it to you. It may be possible that the selectmen's records may show who has held the cane since 1909.

We hope that the cane can be located as undoubtedly the present oldest male citizen is desirous of receiving it.

Very truly yours,

Elben M. Smith
Circulation Manager

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May 16, 1945

Mr. Sidney Gleason
Exchange Street
Holliston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gleason:

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The idea was that these canes should be held by the oldest male citizen. In case of the decease of the first holder of the cane it was to be transmitted to the then oldest citizen, and so on. The last holder of the cane in this Town was your brother, Mr. Gleason, and we understand from Mr. Melindy that the cane is now in your possession.

As the present oldest male citizen is most desirous of having the "Post Cane," we would appreciate it if you will let us know when we may call for the cane. I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped, envelope for your reply.

May we hear from you soon?

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk.

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Post Cane

June 11, 1945

Circulation Manager
The Boston Post
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We thought you might be interested to learn that we have located the "Southborough Post Cane." It was in the possession of an elderly gentleman in Holliston, Mass.

We plan to present the cane to our oldest male resident soon and thought that your Department might be interested in taking some part in this presentation.

Kindly let us know if you are interested.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk.

SOUTHBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

Committee on Public Affairs

Post Cane

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Samuel Clark	—	90 *
Edwin B. Vickers	—	88 Not in Southtown 7/1/49
Patrick J. O'Reilly	—	84 *
Patrick J. Lane	—	81 *
Wallace N. Woye	—	80
John McHugh	—	80
John Trioli	—	80 *

as of January 1, 1945

May 2, 1945

Editor, Boston Post
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We are most desirous of presenting the "Post Cane" to the oldest male resident of the Town.

We have endeavored to locate the cane allotted to Southborough, but without success.

Kindly let us know how we may obtain another "Post Cane."

Very truly yours,

Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk, Board of Selectmen